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2	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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4	ANIBAL RODRIGUEZ, et al.,
5	Plaintiffs,
6	v. Case No.
7	GOOGLE LLC, 20-cv-04688-RS
8	Defendant.
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1	profiles, is there a list of what products	06:26:27
2	may actually use either of these two	06:26:33
3	functionalities within Google?	06:26:36
4	A. Out outside of Footprints	06:26:40
5	then since, you know, WAA's off in this	06:26:41
6	case, I I don't know.	06:26:45
7	Q. Got it. Super helpful. You'd	06:26:46
8	be surprised in these cases how super	06:26:48
9	helpful either negative or double negative	06:26:51
10	answers actually are because that at least	06:26:53
11	tells you that, you know, like, your	06:26:55
12	you need to look elsewhere.	06:26:57
13	Let's see. Give me a second	06:26:59
14	here so I could okay.	06:27:01
15	So let's go back to 36 now,	06:27:04
16	again, okay? And I'm back at that same	06:27:11
17	page, I think it's 8. Let me just make	06:27:14
18	sure, again, that list. You see there on	06:27:20
19	the right there is a product App indexing?	06:27:33
20	A. I see that, yes.	06:27:38
21	Q. I'll just warn you there has	06:27:40
22	been a lot of debate over it, okay, so I	06:27:41
23	am literally asking, trying to understand	06:27:45
24	what you understand app indexing to be.	06:27:46
25	What exactly is app indexing as a product	06:27:50
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1	or data type?	06:27:53
2	A. Sure. My familiarity with it is	06:27:56
3	to deal with the search app indexing API,	06:28:02
4	that created a way for app developers to	06:28:06
5	annotate their apps such that information	06:28:14
6	about activity in the app could be used by	06:28:17
7	the Google Search app and if a user had	06:28:21
8	consented can be uploaded and saved as	06:28:27
9	part of their Google account underneath	06:28:31
10	Supplemental Web and App Activity to give	06:28:35
11	them more personalized experiences across	06:28:36
12	Google Services.	06:28:40
13	Q. Got it. Do you know whether if	06:28:42
14	sWAA is off, whether or not app indexing	06:28:46
15	data is still collected by Google?	06:28:50
16	A.	06:28:54
17		06:28:55
18		06:29:00
19	Q.	06:29:01
20		06:29:04
21		06:29:08
22	MR. SANTACANA: Sorry, you just	06:29:12
23	said (Cross talk) ask it	06:29:14
24	clearly.	06:29:14
25	MR. MAO: I understand. I	06:29:21
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1	appreciate it, okay.	06:29:22
2	BY MR. MAO:	06:29:22
3	Q. So so going back to the	06:29:24
4	the network flow that we had talked about	06:29:28
5	before, right, where the check, okay, the	06:29:29
6	checking on a sWAA-on, the sWAA-off is	06:29:34
7	I'll just use the word typically not done	06:29:40
8	until	06:29:42
9	The reason why I'm asking	06:29:47
10	is because app indexing to me, at least in	06:29:49
11	the technical level, is driven by tags	06:29:55
12	that may be in within the third-party apps	06:30:00
13	themselves via Firebase. Am I am I off	06:30:04
14	on that in terms of understanding how at	06:30:08
15	least on a very basic level how app	06:30:10
16	indexing kind of works?	06:30:16
17	A. That's not how I understand	06:30:17
18	Q. Oh, please	06:30:17
19	A app indexing to work.	06:30:20
20	Q. Yeah, how how how do you	06:30:21
21	understand how, on a technical level, how	06:30:22
22	does app indexing actually work?	06:30:24
23	A. My understanding is that an app	06:30:26
24	that that tags I'm not even sure if	06:30:29
25	that's the right terminology for this	06:30:32
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1	particular service, their app accordingly	06:30:34
2	will then write that app activity into a	06:30:38
3	GMS Core API on Android. That data is	06:30:43
4	then made available to the Google Search	06:30:47
5	App on your phone and if the user has the	06:30:52
6	appropriate settings, either in the Google	06:30:55
7	Search app or in GMS Core, I can't recall,	06:30:59
8	and sWAA is enabled, then that data may be	06:31:02
9	uploaded to their Google account. And so	06:31:06
10	it is to to reiterate that,	06:31:08
11		06:31:13
12		06:31:17
13		06:31:21
14		06:31:26
15	Q. So does does Google Search	06:31:28
16	app know whether or not that oops,	06:31:36
17	sorry.	06:31:37
18		06:31:38
19		06:31:41
20		06:31:51
21		06:31:56
22	A. As we discussed prior to the	06:31:58
23	lunch break, I	06:32:02
24		06:32:08
25		06:32:12
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1		06:32:17
2		06:32:22
3		06:32:27
4		06:32:28
5		06:32:31
6	Q. In in terms of before was	06:32:32
7	that always the way app indexing worked,	06:32:34
8	in other words, did app indexing always	06:32:38
9		06:32:40
10		06:32:46
11	that a change that happened the last few	06:32:50
12	years or the last few months?	06:32:53
13	A. To the the best of my memory,	06:32:56
14	that's how it has always operated is that	06:32:58
15		06:33:02
16		06:33:05
17		06:33:08
18		06:33:12
19		06:33:14
20		06:33:16
21		06:33:19
22		06:33:22
23		06:33:23
24		06:33:26
25	Q. So so now this makes me	06:33:27
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1	wonder, why why does you see here on	06:33:30
2	this page,	06:33:33
3		06:33:36
4		06:33:42
5	A. Well, I I think there as	06:33:49
6	I I believe we discussed before, there	06:33:52
7	are sizable differences between the	06:33:55
8	different purposes for these servers	06:33:57
9	these services that a user interacts with	06:34:01
10	and in the app indexing case that we're	06:34:03
11	discussing, the only benefit to the user	06:34:07
12	as explained in the Supplemental Web and	06:34:10
13	App Activity setting is the	06:34:13
14	personalization layer which then would	06:34:16
15	require an upload and saving it against a	06:34:19
16	Google account. If Supplemental Web and	06:34:22
17	App Activity is off, the user has told us	06:34:26
18	that we have technically instrumented such	06:34:28
19	that we cannot save that data, therefore,	06:34:30
20	there's no reason to try sending it. I	06:34:34
21	I think that's different than how other	06:34:37
22	products and services might provide their	06:34:40
23	service.	06:34:43
24	Q. So so you you think	06:34:45
25	that that the logic for turning that	06:34:46
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1	off for app indexing doesn't apply to	06:34:49
2	either display ads or Google Analytics	06:34:53
3	which are also on this slide	06:34:57
4		06:34:59
5		06:35:01
6		06:35:04
7	A. I I I don't think that's	06:35:07
8	exactly what I said.	06:35:08
9		06:35:11
10		06:35:16
11		06:35:18
12		06:35:22
13		06:35:25
14		06:35:27
15		06:35:30
16	Q. Are there any documents that you	06:35:38
17	are aware of that explains the the	06:35:41
18	logic behind the differences as to why	06:35:45
19	some products with sWAA controls would	06:35:50
20	check locally versus not check locally	06:35:56
21	before uploading the data to Google	06:35:58
22	servers?	06:36:03
23	A. I'm not aware of any central	06:36:06
24	document that might explain that, given	06:36:09
25	that I think these decisions are really	06:36:13
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1	per service basis we discussed prior.	06:36:15
2	Q. So when you saying it's decided	06:36:21
3	per service, do you mean that the product	06:36:23
4	manager for each service decides that?	06:36:25
5	Who is the gatekeeper person, like an	06:36:27
6	actual person or decision gatekeeper that	06:36:30
7	decides for something like this whether	06:36:33
8	it's, you know whether it's going to be	06:36:35
9	sent to Google servers first before	06:36:39
10	checking for, you know, the sWAA settings	06:36:43
11	that may be stored in Footprints?	06:36:48
12	MR. SANTACANA: Objection,	06:36:50
13	compound, calls for speculation.	06:36:51
14	A. I don't think there would be a	06:36:57
15	single individual given the the scope	06:36:58
16	of decisions that you explained.	06:37:00
17	BY MR. MAO:	06:37:00
18	Q. Yeah. Sorry. So so you	06:37:03
19	might have to it might be more Google	06:37:05
20	speak and Google ways than I understand,	06:37:08
21	I and I appreciate that you've been at	06:37:11
22	the company for a long time. You might	06:37:13
23	have to explain to me what that process	06:37:14
24	actually kind of like looks like for	06:37:17
25	something like this. And and I'm	06:37:19
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1	not again, I'm not trying to argue with	06:37:20
2	you, I'm just trying to understand. Like	06:37:22
3	so how would you decide that? Like	06:37:23
4	like in a typical course and you can	06:37:25
5	use any of these five products listed here	06:37:27
6	on this slide, like how would that	06:37:30
7	actually get decided as to, you know, this	06:37:32
8	initial kind of gatekeeping question as to	06:37:35
9	when when and where are the sWAA	06:37:38
10	settings actually checked in the in	06:37:41
11	the in the, you know, data flow	06:37:43
12	process?	06:37:45
13	A. Outside of the products I	06:37:47
14	manage, I I would have to speculate as	06:37:48
15	to those decisions and discussions.	06:37:50
16	Q. How about within the products	06:37:52
17	that you do manage?	06:37:53
18	A. Sure. Within Footprints,	06:37:57
19	which which is obviously not listed	06:37:59
20	here because it is the infrastructure	06:38:01
21	enabling an aspect of these different	06:38:05
22	Google Services' functionality, but	06:38:07
23	traditionally decisions like this are made	06:38:12
24	collaboratively between our partners,	06:38:15
25	teams within Google, their needs of our	06:38:18
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1		
1	discussed, the "plus Nick Linkow and I	07:09:51
2	have discussed," I believe that's from me,	07:09:56
3	not Mr. Ruemmler.	07:09:57
4	BY MR. MAO:	07:09:57
5	Q. Oh, okay. So in in response	07:09:58
6	to your discussion on WAA/sWAA, were any	07:10:00
7	changes or disclosures made to Firebase	07:10:04
8	app developers regarding what happens when	07:10:09
9	sWAA is off for their app user developer	07:10:15
10	data?	07:10:18
11	MR. SANTACANA: Objection,	07:10:19
12	misstates the document.	07:10:19
13	A. I was going to say the same. I	07:10:23
14	think it misstates what I've written here.	07:10:25
15	My reference of WAA/sWAA in this case is	07:10:28
16	the same help center article that both Web	07:10:32
17	and App Activity and Supplemental Web and	07:10:38
18	App Activity are discussed in the same	07:10:39
19	article. I don't believe that I'm	07:10:40
20	referencing WAA and sWAA as two	07:10:41
21	independent settings given the other	07:10:44
22	context in this paragraph. And then to	07:10:46
23	to answer your question, Mr. Mao, I	07:10:49
24	I believe it's the same as my previous	07:10:51
25	response that I don't think I'm not	07:10:52
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1	aware of any changes to Google Analytics	07:10:55
2	for Firebase third-party developer	07:10:59
3	disclosures particularly given the context	07:11:01
4	of this discussion with Mr. Ruemmler.	07:11:03
5	BY MR. MAO:	07:11:03
6	Q. Got it. So so so let me	07:11:06
7	ask you with regard to app developers, how	07:11:07
8	are app developers told that their	07:11:09
9	end-users' data is still being collected	07:11:12
10	even when sWAA is off? How are they	07:11:14
11	informed?	07:11:20
12	MR. SANTACANA: Outside the	07:11:22
13	scope.	07:11:23
14	A. I'm not sure how to answer	07:11:25
15	the the question as described, Mr. Mao.	07:11:29
16	I wonder if you could re-ask that.	07:11:31
17	BY MR. MAO:	07:11:31
18	Q. Sure, if I go back to that same	07:11:36
19	interrogatory number 15, right, we know	07:11:37
20	from Google's own responses, not prepared	07:11:41
21	by me but by your counsel and your	07:11:44
22	colleagues, that when sWAA is off, there	07:11:47
23	is still conversion and personalization.	07:11:49
24	Whatever extent that is, that may be for	07:11:54
25	somebody else. My my question to you	07:11:56
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1	Q. But did Google ever consider	09:16:51
2	making sWAA-off turn off data collection?	09:16:53
3	A. As we discussed previously, it	09:17:00
4	depends on services, sWAA-off does disable	09:17:02
5	data collection for some services like we	09:17:06
6	discussed with the app indexing service	09:17:07
7	where when sWAA is off, data is not sent	09:17:12
8	to Google servers because it can't be used	09:17:15
9	for the purpose for which it would be	09:17:17
10	collected otherwise.	09:17:18
11	Q. Did Google ever consider making	09:17:20
12	sWAA-off turn off data collection for	09:17:22
13	Google Analytics?	09:17:25
14	MR. SANTACANA: Objection.	09:17:32
15	(Cross-talk.)	09:17:49
16	A. Sorry, Mr. Mao, I'll repeat	09:17:49
17	my my answer. I I don't believe I'm	09:17:52
18	able to answer. I think that's best for	09:17:55
19	the Google Analytics team as the Google	09:17:57
20	Analytics for Firebase service operates	09:18:00
21	outside of strictly the Supplemental Web	09:18:03
22	and App Activity setting.	09:18:06
23	BY MR. MAO:	09:18:06
24	Q. Got it. Did Google ever	09:18:07
25	consider making sWAA-off turn off data	09:18:09
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1	CERTIFICATION
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3	I, BELLE VIVIENNE, a Nationally
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15	this matter.
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